WATCHING LOCAL BROKERS

Detectives and Secret Service Men After Evidence.

BAKER SAYS PUSH FIGHT

District Attorney Wires Assistant to

Continue Campaign-Grand Jury Will Act Monday.

With renewed vim, due, the authorities say, to the success of the raids carried out yesterday, the crusade against the alleged bucket shops in the District was continued today by the officials of the United States attorney's office and the detailed to the work.

After being notified by telegraph trict Attorney Harvey Given to every bucket shop in the District.

When the grand jury meets Monday morning it will at once take up evidence against the alleged bucket shops in the District. During the past week the Secret Service Officer Klinke, under the torney Harvey Given, was presented to sented. Not only will sheets be offered in summoned to tell of their transactions.

We secured just the evidence we wanted, and all we wanted," said one of the workers in the campaign this morning.

Keeping Baker Advised.

Although away from his office on a trip for his health, District Attorney D. W. Baker is keeping in touch with developments in Washington; and last night. through both telegraph and telephone mes sages, he was advised of the raids on the brokerage offices vesterday, of the evidence obtained and was asked for further instruc-

District Attorney Baker telegraphed this morning to Assistant United States Attorney Given to continue the prosecutions vigthe operations of the bucket snops. Carrying out those instructions, Assistant United States Attorneys Harvey Given and Frank Perry, Detective He.an and Secret Service Officer Klink continued today to obtain both against the prokers who were raided yesterday and against others. "If we find evidence that the persons raided yesterday are doing a bucket shop business today or any day in the future we will take steps against them again," stated Assistant District Attorney Given early this morning. "If they do a legit-mate brokerage or stock business we will not disturb them, but they will do a bucket

shop business at their peril.' The men in charge of the brokerage of-fices which were raided by the police yes-terday appeared at the Police Court this morning to give bond for their future appearance in court when required. Late yesterday afternoon John T. Chesley, a brother of one of the firm, qualified as surety for the firm of Chesley & Spence. As there are two defendants and two cases against them the bonds furnished by John T. Chesley amount to \$4,000.

Frank Kane and Allison C. Jenkins ap-peared at the court about 9 o'clock and the United Su ety Company of Baltimore, Md., was entered as surety in the sum of \$1,000 for each of the men. Percy Wade of the firm of Wade

Hedges put up \$1,000 cash for his appearance with Financial Clerk Frank A. Se-As Mr. Hedges is absent from the city it is expected that there will be some delay in turnishing bond for him.

Running to Cover.

Meanwhile proprietors of several offices under investigation are on the run. Assistant District Attorney Given said this afternoon that several proprietors of alleged bucket shops, who know that their operations are being watched, called upon him at the city hall this morning and asked to be allowed to get out of business at once, without prosecution,

"Send your detectives around to my office and let them see just how I do business," one of them said. "Then, if they find that I am violating the law, I will close up at

We are making no promises," stated As sistant District Attorney Given. "We have "We have observation and we are trying to get the evidence with which to bring prosecutions against them. If you want to furnish us the evidence of your methods of doing busi-ness we will take it, without having a

Others say that they will get out of the business at once, according to information which reached the district attorney's office. None of the men arrested yesterday, however, has made any statement to the dis-trict attorney, the offers to quit business

coming from others.

The offices which were the scenes of raids yesterday opened at the usual time today, and they continued to do business up to close of the stock market in New York at noon. The patrons, it is declared, however, were not as numerous as on previous days, and this is attributed to the action police and district attorney in making the raids.

MISSISSIPPI ELECTION.

Telegraph Facilities Meager and Result in Doubt.

Special Dispatch to The Star. JACKSON, Miss., August 24.-The result of yesterday's election for governor is still in doubt, and, because of the inability to get any information by telegraph, may have to remain so as long as did the election of senators. Both sides continue -c claim victory by two or three thousand. The figures received at the Noel and Brewer headquarters here are for sixty-one counties, but they are different. Brewer men claim a majority of 8.653 and give Noel 5,907, leaving Brewer winner by 2,246. the 2-cent fare.

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TWO CENTS.

SMALL IS EXPECTED

GOING TO CHANGE HIS BASE TO NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, August 24 .- President Small of the Telegraphers' Union is expected tomorrow night from Chicago to look into the telegraph strike situation here. Whether Mr. Small will seek to bring about an arbitration of the differences existing between the strikers and the companies is apparently not known to officers of the local union. The strikers issued today the first copies of the magazine which they are publishing to obtain funds for the union treasury.

Officials of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies say that business is moving smoothly, that so far as the companies are concerned the strike is over and no reason exists for arbitration.

Threaten Railroad Strike.

Two hundred telegraph operators employed by the Long Island Railroad Company, it was announced today, have demanded an increase in pay and shorter hours. The demands are in the hands of James McCrea, vice president and general manager of the road, and it is understood that he has been given until next Weddesday to reply thereto. Should an adverse decision be reached by Mr. McCrea, it is said an understood signal flashed over the wires will have the effect of tying up every telegraph office on the entire island.

STRONGER MARKET TONE,

But Advance at Opening Lasted Only Short Time.

NEW YORK, August 24 .- The action of tectives and secret service men de- Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou in offering relief to the money market in the coming crop-moving period imparted a strong tone to today's stock market at the of the work done yesterday, Dis- opening, prices of all the leading issues betrict Attorney Baker wired from | ing from 1 to 21/2 points or more up from Michigan today to Assistant Dis- those of the closing last night. There were other favorable developments, including the weekly statements of the commercial push the campaign and close up agencies, which reported no marked recession in general trade or confidence in various parts of the country.

The only adverse influences were the advices from the leading industrial centers, which indicated a further reduction in the demand for metal products. There also evidence gathered by Detective Helan and was a marked falling off in bank clearings ail over the country compared with this supervision of Assistant United States At- week last year. Following the opening movement the market grew dull, with the that body. When the cases are taken up general recessions of about a point. In the Monday the evidence gathered in the last hour the market developed increased raids on the offices of Chesley & Spence, heaviness, with severe declines in the active Wade & Hedges, Allison C. Jenkins and issues and the Eries and Southern rail-Frank Kane & Co. yesterday will be pre- way preferred. This latter stock, which precipitated yesterday's late break on anevidence, it is stated, but it is expected that nouncement of reduction in the dividend witnesses identified from the sheets will be rate, fell 21/2 points, later making a further

The weakness of the Erie issues was attended by rumors of a forthcoming readjustment of the company's finances, which, however, there was no substantia-tion. Following the publication of the bank statement, which was favorable in the sense that it showed a fairly large contraction of loans and a smaller cash loss than was expected, the list manifested some strength, out the undertone at the closing was heavy.

with only fractional recoveries.

The more serious conditions of the previous week in the stock market have given way to a better tone and a marked diminution of operations. Sentiment appears to have been favorably affected by the absence of operations. further liquidation, but the public utter-ances of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft were at first somewhat disturbing. From outward appearances, however, the market is gradually drifting away from considerations of a political character. More attention is being given to monetary conditions. tary Taft were at first somewhat disturb-

There is a threatened stringency not only at home, but in most of the world's money markets. The tightness of money precipitated another commercial failure during the week, and more are predicted for the same reason. Time loans are ba-ing made on bases well in excess of normal rates and the banks are safeguarding their reserves in anticipation of crop de-

Contraction of business is reported in steel and iron and allied trades. cut in the dividend on Southern railway preferred from a 5 to 3 per cent basis gave the market a bad setback yesterday and most of the week's improvement wa lost.

VICTIMS OF THE THIRD RAIL. Clothing Burned From Dead Man's Body in Philadelphia.

Special Dispatch to The Star. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 24.-A man supposed to be F. M. Barton, formerly of this city and recently of Punxsutawney, Pa., was instantly killed on the third rall of the West Jersey and Seashore railway's tracks early this morning near Woodbury

Heights station. When the body was found it was lying across one of the tracks and the third rail. One side of the body was burned from head to foot. The body formed a circuit between the track and the third rail. It was found by the crew of the electric train which left Camden at ten minutes past

G c'clock.
The dead man's clothing had been burned from his body. His flesh had been terri-bly burned. It is believed that he was walking down the tracks and tripped one of the rails, so falling upon the third The body was taken to the Woodbury

HUSBAND'S SHOTS FATAL.

Saloonkeeper's Wife Died in Philadelphia Today.

Special Dispatch to The Star. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 24.-Mrs. George H. Schaefer, wife of the Philadelphia saloonkeeper, who was shot by her husband in a drunken rage at their summer cottage, at Somers Point, N. J., yesterday afternoon, died shortly before 8 o'clock this morning in the Atlantic City Hospital, where she was taken affer the tragedy. The two bullets had entered her brain,

and no hope of her recovery had been en-

tertained. Although she was conscious at intervals during the night, she died in ignorance of the fact that her husband had killed himself after he had shot her. At the hos-pital when Mrs. Schaefer breathed her last this morning were her three children and her brother, John Morris, who was employed as a bartender in Schaefer's sa-

Profit in the Two-Cent Fare. Special Dispatch to The Star.

oon, at Front and Poplar streets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., August 24.-Returns of passenger revenues for May and June, the first two months in the new 2-cent fare in effect, show an increase of one-sixth over the average earnings for any two months in 1906, except in the cases of three roads, the Soo, Minneapolis state commission accepts the figures furnished by the railways as proving that the new law is not confiscatory, and on this law is not confiscatory, and on the law is not confiscatory.



STRIKERS STRUCK HIM

BEAT A NON-UNION PACKING

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, August 24.-With a mounted policeman accompanying each wagon just as yesterday the meat packers moved their Saturday meat supply this morning. The packers insist that the efforts of the striking drivers to bring about a tie-up have been a failure, and that they have plenty of strike breakers to fill the places of those who have gone out. They declare that the trade has been able to get its regular supply to last until Monday morning, and they refuse to accept offers of arbitration on the ground that they have

nothing to arbitrate. The only instance of disturbance during the morning occurred when James Handel, eighteen years old, of 184 Madison street was set upon by a number of strike sympathizers in a saloon at 43d street and 3d avenue. He was kicked and beaten, but rescued by the police before he was seriously hurt. Two arrests were made. The packers say that there is absolutely no danger of a famine, and this morning

they denied with much indignation a sen-sational report that there was danger of a pestilence from congestion of meat which the vans were unable to take away from the packing houses. They will have matters in smoother running order by Monday, they assert.

HOPE FOR ENTOMBED MINERS. Rescue Work Resumed With Vigor at Wilkesbarre Today. Special Dispatch to The Star.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., August 24.-Hope of reaching the four men entombed in No. 14 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Company was revived this morning, when engineers who examined the progress made by the night shifts reported that only about twenty-five feet of solid coal separates them from the entombed men. Work was continued with renewed vigor.

It was also found that a crevice through which the voices of the men were heard up to noon yesterday had been closed by fresh fall of roof, and this prevents them being heard, so that it is altogether possible that they are still alive.

BUILDING TRADES' STRIKE.

No Developments Noted Today in Local Situation.

There were no developments today in the strike situation of the building trades. At the headquarters of the building trades grievance committee the statement was made this afternoon by Secretary McIver that the committeemen are resting on their oars today and will enjoy a holiday until tomorrow.

"But," he added significantly, "there is liable to be something doing the first of next week."

At the headquarters of the Employers Association the officers were also preparing for next week. A number of non-union mechanics are expected to reach this city tonight and tomorrow and be in readiness to go to work where they may be needed Monday, when it is expected all the "struck" jobs will be resumed.

New York Cotton Advance. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, August 24.-Inspired by un expected firmness in the English market, the New York cotton market opened this morning at a net advance of 4 to 5 points. The October option in the early trading was forced to above the twelve-cent level. while January held strong at 12.23. Bulls were aggressive and, in spite of a continued absence of outside business, predicted a runaway bull market. They were encouraged by official reports showing too much precipitation in the south Atlantic states and too little in Texas.

The operators responsible for yesterday's sharp upturn were again in evidence, sup-porting the market gamely in the face of unmistakable bearish sentiment and an almost universal feeling that 12% cents for cotton under the present chaotic financial conditions was by no means justifiable. New Orleans opened at an advance of 6 to 8 points and held relatively steady through-

NOTICE.

JAMESTOWN UP TO DATE.

The price of this paper at • FOUR - MEN CAPTURED IN LOS NEWSSTANDS and from **NEWSBOYS** is

TWO CENTS.

There has been no change of any kind in the price of the paper to newsboys, and readers should pay no more than the printed price.

TAFT IN OKLAHOMA.

Greeted at Oklahoma City by an Immense Crowd.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., August 24 .-Secretary of War William H. Taft is tonight, in a speech at Convention Hall, he will sound the keynote of the campaign of the republican party for supremacy in controlling the new state of Oklahoma. The greatest crowd that this city has ever known thronged the streets and filled hotel lobbies and places of business today. Many visitors, unable to be accommodated at the hotels, remained up all night or slept in doorways.

Mr. Taft was met at the depot by a committee of republicans and driven to a hotel, where he immediately went into conference with leaders of his party in Oklahoma During the conference local conditions upon which the Secretary expects to touch in his speech tonight were discussed. After the conference Secretary Taft was taken for an automobile ride around the city. This afternoon a monster parade with Mr. Taft as the principal figure will pass along the principal streets.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE. Special Committee Discuring American Proposal.

THE HAGUE, August 24.- The special committee of the peace conference, charged with the examination of the American proposition for the establishment of an international high court of justice at The Hague, met today and took up the discussion of article 7, dealing with the come petence of the special tribunal which the high court yearly shall appoint, and which, if necessary, may try cases elsewhere than at The Hague.

A disagreement developed, and the debate on the article was adjourned until Au-

gust 27. The conference before closing the bustness session adopted eight paragraphs of a declaration of principles. The beliefs that war is inimical to all progress; that war can be prevented; that arbitration is a cerdisputes, and that Congress should enact a law forbidding the solicitation in this coun-

try of foreign loans for war purposes, are

The adoption by Congress of measures to neutralize the Philippines and withdrawal of imperial control over the islands is advo-cated; military drills for school children are deplored, and boys' brigades in Sunday schools are declared to be contrary to the teachings of the Christian Church right of employes or employers to band to-gether each for mutual benefit is recognized, and in conclusion the peace confer-ence expressed its conviction "that there should be no right given any government to collect alleged debts of any other gov-

NOTED DRUMMER DEAD.

rnment by deadly force."

Declared to Be First to Canvass Europe

for American Goods. NEW YORK, August 24.-Henry J. Martindell, the first American drummer to introduce American goods in Europe and Aus-Many witnesses live in other states, and tralia, is dead at his home in Trenton, N. J.,

at the age of seventy-five years. Martindell always declared that he was the original drummer. He was known as we'll in Europe as he was here. It was

PLOTTED TO KILL DIAZ

Special Dispatch to The Star.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., August 24.- Four men, who it is claimed by the police were n a plot to assassinate President Diaz of Mexico, were arrested here yesterday.

The men arrested are Ricardo Flores Magon, president of the Lajunta, for whose arrest the Mexican government is said to have offered a reward of \$20,000; Librado Riveria, secretary; Modesto Diaz, editor of La Revolution, and Antonio Villareal. The latter escaped from jail in El Paso while awaiting deportation on charges connected with an incipient revolution in Cananea,

Mexico, about two years ago. It is said that the movement was leaded by Villareal, formerly of St. Louis, who has led a large main revolutionary junta. day the guest of Oklahoma City, and to- The men have been hunted for months through the western half of the United States into Canada and along the Mexican border. The arrests were made by Thomas Furlong, head of a private detective agency in St. Louis, where La Junta for a time was established, and where a proclamation calling for the overthrow of the Mexican

INVITED TO DINE WITH KAISER. Signal Honors Accorded American Yachtsmen in Berlin.

BERLIN, August 24.-The American vachtsmen who competed for Emperor William's cup at the Kiel regatta arrived here today and lunched with I. Wolf, jr. of Philadelphia. Among the others present were Charge d'Affaires Eddy, Consul General Thackara, the president of the Wannsee Yacht Club, Herr Ulrich; the winner of the Emperor's cup, Otto Protzen, and Lieut. Commander Wm. L. Howard, the American naval attache, and Lieut. Col. John P. Wisser, the American military at-

After lunch the party went by steamer to Wannsee lake and touched at Potsdam, where the Americans were presented to Crown Prince Frederick William in the pavilion called Matrosen station. The Wannsee Yacht Club will give a dinner tonight in honor of the visitors.

The Americans on their arrival here re-ceived an invitation to dine with Emperor William at Hanover August 27, following the imperial review of the fifth army

PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Arraignment of Man Who Fired Pistol in Crowded Street. Harry H. Wilson, colored, who caused ex-

citement yesterday near 10th and F streets by firing a revolver at Frank Jackson, pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Judge Mullowny in the Police Court today on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was held to await action by the grand fury, under \$1,000 bond, furnished by S. H. Walker.

HARGIS MURDER SERIAL. Another Chapter Will Be Begun Next

Monday.

LEXINGTON, Ky., August 24.-The trial of Elbert Hargis, John Abner and Bill Britton, charged with the assassination of Dr. B. D. Cox at Jackson, Breathitt county, on April 13, 1902, will be called at Sandy Hook, Elliott county, Monday, by Special Judge W. B. Moody. Some of the witnesses left Breathitt, Perry and other mountain counties today for Sandy Hook, and others will go Sunday.

summonses will be issued at once for them. It is not believed that the trial will be entered into at this time, although Judge Moody is anxious to get the trial over. Attorney A. F. Byrd will probably return to-night from the Jamestown exposition, and while he was traveling for the Lambertville will like go to Elliott county Monday to assist the prosecution.

L. American goods would sell well in Judge James Hargis of Breathitt county as here. He tried it and was successful. was acquitted a of killing Cox.

MORE SURPRISING DEVELOP-MENTS IN NOTED TRIAL.

CARLSRUHE, Germany, August 24.-The case of Prof. Karl Hau, formerly of Washington, D. C., convicted of the murder of his mother-in-law, Frau Molitor, at Baden- FATAL FIRE NEAR BOSTON Baden, November 5 last, continues to develop surprising features. Dr. Dietz, counsel for the prisoner, has just published a justification for appealing the case. The lawyer's representations make the suicide of Frau Hau, wife of the condemned man.

appear in a new light. Dr. Dietz says he had four hours' ta'k TOLD A HAZY STORY OF AFFAIR with her May 13, when she first made known to him her intention to commit suicide. Answering his argument that it would create the impression that she regarded her husband as guilty of murdering her moth er, Frau Hau said repeatedly that the mo tive which prompted her to take her life was that her husband was in his right mind and that without her knowledge he went to London and Baden-Baden to meet her sister Olga, adding that it was not the question whether he was a murderer, but his unfaithfulness to her, which compelled her to commit suicide, which it was also his duty Frau Hau added that she had at various

times prayed to God to induce Hau to com mit suicide with her.

American Financial Situation Viewed From Abroad.

GERMAN BANKER'S VIEW.

BERLIN, August 24.-A Berlin banker of large international connections expressed the opinion in an interview today that the chief cause of the money stringency in European markets is the apprehension regarding the American situation, which was felt to be uncertain.

American bankers continue making inquiries in London and Berlin regarding the terms for discounting their bills, but the the actual amounts taken thus far for American account were much smaller than currently stated. The effect of these Amer-ican attempts to borrow, however, has been out of proportion to the actual business done, since it caused alarm lest the Euro-pean market be depleted of its resources and artificially high rates of discount re-

The situation of the American security market the banker quoted regarded as similar to that of Germany and other countries. The situation in Wall street is looked upon as due to the fact that the capital requirements of the United States have outgrown the capacity of the country to create new capital. Old stocks and bonds are being scaled down in competition with excessive new issues seeking for a market.

The fall in Americans hit German dealers hard. One investor cheerfully remarked that he lost only 25 per cent on a certain American bond, while a friend who bought stock in the same company lost much more. The depression in the American market prevents any considerable incompant demand for American securities excited and suffering from a ballice head-quarters, where he told the police he had just escaped from a burning house in Som-

The banker first interviewed expressed the opinion that European fears regarding the American financial and speculative situation were exaggerated.

WANT MORE STRINGENT LAWS. A. F. of L. Leaders Would Exclude

All Asiatic Laborers. NORFOLK, Va., August 24.-The executive board of the American Federation of Labor, in session here, last night instructed all civil organizations to co-operate with the federation in an effort to have the next Congress enact more stringent immigration laws providing for the exclusion of Asiatic

laborers of every description. President Roosevelt and Congress were asked to investigate the cost of buying the telegraph lines for governmental owner-

It was decided that the labor exhibit at Jamestown may be transferred to Washington city at the close of the exposiion, if the Washington Central Labor organization bears the expense. The codification of union labels and digest of laws protecting union labels in

the courts was directed. The International Union of Steam Engineers was urged to grant a charter to the local German engineers of New York city. The miners of the Transvaal asked financial aid, and this will be given so far as Amalgamation of the international

freight handlers and Brotherhood of Railway Clerks was urged. A conference was called for the settle-ment of differences between the Interna-tional Hod Carriers and Building Laborers and Brotherhood of Cement Workers.

JEFF DAVIS' DAUGHTER.

Offended Over Posting of an Old Proclamation.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., August 24 .-When Mrs. Margaret Howell Jefferson Davis Hayes, daughter of the President of the Confederacy, learned that a member of the fighting 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, attending the reunion here, had hung upon the walls of the Antlers' Hotel a copy of the old proclamation offering a reward of \$300,000 for the arrest of her father and other Confederate leaders for alleged complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln, she immediately raised a protest to Gen. William J. Palmer, the host of the

reunion. Before her protest had been received. however, Gen. Palmer had heard of the proclamation and ordered that it be taken down, out of deference to Mrs. Hayes, who is the wife of J. A. Hayes, a banker in

Colorado Springs. "I was a small child at that time," Mrs. Hayes wrote, "and, like most southern children, I looked upon Lincoln as the archenemy of my country. As the servants and guards around us were thoughtlessly rejoicing, I ran to my father with what I supposed would be good news to him. He gravely and gently took me in his arms and explained to me that this terrible deed was done by a crazy man, who no doubt thought he was the savior of the south, but was

really her worst enemy.
"'Always remember, my little daughter, no wrong can ever make a right,' he said. 'The outh does not wish her rights to come south does not wish her rights to come through dastardly murders, but through fair fights.' Then he sighed heavily, and said: 'This is the bitterest blow that could have been dealt to the southern cause Linfair and generous in his treatment of the southern people. His successor is a man we can expect nothing from."

RETIRED MINISTER KILLED.

Mistaken by a Revenue Officer for a "Bootlegger."

TULSA, I. T., August 24.-Mistaken in the dark for a bootlegger, Sylvester Morris, seventy-four years old, a retired Methodist minister, was shot and killed here last

night by C. R. Wilson, deputy United States

marshal. The old man was driving in

wagon home from his farm.

Wilson, in company with another deputy arrested three bootleggers in that neighborhood about an hour before, and when the old man came driving by. He d a month ago of the charge did not stop when ordered and was shot dead.

FEATURES IN HAU CASE FIVE DIED IN SMOKE

Two Others Are in a Serious Condition.

pamphlet giving what he terms his moral One Man Found Wandering, Dazed, in the Street.

Fire Came From a Lamp Knocked Over in the Course of

Special Dispatch to The Star BOSTON, Mass., August 24 .- Mrs. Mar-

garet Cooper, her daughters, Margaret, aged six; Teresa, aged two, and son, William, aged three, and John Dwyer, aged sixty-five, of 449 Norfolk street, Somerville, were killed by suffocation in a fire this morning in their home, and the father of the family, Martin Cooper, and another child, John, five years old, were so badly overcome that they were taken to the Somerville Hospital, where it is said the child

will die, but the father has a chance of life. The fire started in the lower part of a two-story wooden house occupied by the Coopers, caused, it is said, by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp. It was discovered by people who were passing in an automobile, banker interviewed said he thought that who gave the alarm. The fire had evidently been burning for some time, as the interior of the tenement was ablaze when the firemen arrived. They found the mother and three of her children dead, with the old man, Dwyer, and the father and son John near to death from burns and smoke.

> Rushed to the Hospital. The two living members of the family were hurried to the hospital. The second floor was occupied by Abraham Goldman and family. Their part of the house was not burned, and the members of the family

After the fire the Cambridge police found a man who gave his name as Charles Rug-gles of Cambridge wandering on Massachu-setts avenue barefooted and clad only in shirt and trousers. The man was greatly excited and suffering from a bad cut on his

Chas. Ruggles' Story. He had been visiting the Cooper family. The house had been set on fire, he said, by the upsetting of a lamp, and several of the family burned to death. He said he escaped with only part of his clothing and was trying to find his own home. It was learned that the lamp was upset in a fight between Martin Cooper and Ruggles. Ruggles escaped by jumping through a

MRS. MIZNER DIVORCED. New York Justice Grants Decree and Freedom to Marry.

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, August 24.-Mary Adelaide Yerkes-Mizner is free to marry again should she desire to do so. Justice Guy, in the supreme court today, signed the final decree divorcing her from Wilson Mizner. She was married to Mizner shortly after the death of her husband, Charles T. Yerkes, the street railway magnate, and within a few months sued Mizner for an absolute divorce. She charged him with improper conduct with a woman whose

name was never disclosed. The case was tried in private before Referee Louis B. Hasbrouck, and the record in the suit cannot be seen. The decree authorizes Mrs. Mizner to resume her name of Yerkes. It contains a provision per-mitting her to marry again as though Mizner was actually dead, but forbids Mizner to marry any other woman during the life of the wealthy widow who has just di-

vorced him.

GOING TO EUROPE. Minister Cortes of Colombia Will Be

Away Until October. Senor Don Enrique Cortes, the Colombian minister here, called at the State Department today to say farewell to Acting Secretary Adee, preparatory to sailing for Europe next Tuesday from New York on the steamship Minnesota. He will return to this capital about the end of October. Meanwhile Senor Don Pomponio Guzman, the first secretary of legation, will act as charge

d'affaires. Senor Cortes has delayed his European trip several months in the hope that he would be able to conclude a treaty for the settlement of the issues between his country and Panama before his departure, and it now appears that he has been successful beyond his expectations, having arranged not only that difficult matter, but also a protocol which will form the basis for a treaty between America and Colombia. Little remains to be done to give these protocols treaty form, and it is said that this work can be conveniently done late next fall in ample time to insure coasideration of the treaties in the approaching sessions of the congresses of the thr e countries affected.

MILITARY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Gen. Mills Recommends Addition of Fifty Companies of Native Scouts. Inquiry at the War Department into the report from Japan that the authorities are

projecting an increase of the military orces in the Philippines by the addition of thirteen regiments of native troops, to be officered by Americans, discloses the fact that the foundation for the story is a simple recommendation by Gen. Mills, in command of the Philippine Scouts, Department of the Visayas, that the force of scouts be increased by fifty companies, which would make altogether about four regiments. The basis for the recommendation was the desire to reduce the expense of the military establishment in the Philippines instead of increasing it, for the proposed additional force of scouts were to replace an equal number of the American troops, who are much more expensive. In fact, the project involves the increase of pay of the scouts, but even with the allow-ance proposed the private would receive only \$8 a month for the first enlistment, and only after thirty years' service would his pay equal the \$13 a month, which the American recruit receives to begin with The scouts have been found to be easily to be patient and loyal at all times.

Weather.

Fair tonight and tomorrow.